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MINUTES
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
Ed Burke Recreation Center - 11400 NE 9th Court
Biscayne Park, FL 33161
Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 7:00pm

Mayor and Commission

Noah Jacobs
Mayor

Robert "Bob" Anderson
Vice Mayor

Bryan Cooper
Commissioner

Roxanna Ross
Commissioner

Commissioner Watts
Commissioner

Maria C. Camara
Interim Village Manager

John J. Hearn
Village Attorney

1 Call to Order

Mayor Noah Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

2 Roll Call

Mayor Noah Jacobs - present
Vice Mayor Bob Anderson - present
Commissioner Bryan Cooper - present
Commissioner Roxanna Ross - present
Commissioner Barbara Watts - present

Present from staff were:

Interim Village Manager Maria C. Camara
Village Attorney John Hearn
Chief Ray Atesiano
Asst to the Manager / Public Services Director Candido Sosa-Cruz
Finance Director Irwin Williams
Assistant Public Works Director Cesar Hernandez

3 Pledge of Allegiance

4 Presentations

5 Additions, Deletions or Withdrawals to Agenda

Commissioner Cooper is disappointed that the resolution on the tree removal policy is not on the agenda and sympathies go out to the resident that attended the meeting for this.

6 Public Comments Related to Agenda Items / Good & Welfare

Fred Jonas: On Noah Jacobs' synopsis on annexation, Commissioner Ross did not say over and over that we had no other choices, and nobody else did either. We have talked about many fund raising ideas besides annexation. Rather than examining spending and other options, we have done that in a concerted way, especially when Manager Garcia came in. Never omitted or that we do not look at now. On grants, there aren't many out there. And if there are, available to special groups, not municipalities. When Bryan ran for Commission, he offered to help but has since taken that back. Have talked at length about a higher tax rate. Residents spoke here and urged you to raise, mainly because we are a specialized area. You have rejected that and have left us with little else, other than annexation. To say that nobody else or no other mechanism to increase revenues has been presented and that there are no other choices is grossly inaccurate. Don't know where you got it from and why you remember it that way.

Audrey Earhart: Have lived here 50 years. Reason why our area has gone up in sales is because of our uniqueness. Am against annexation. There has to be another solution.

Chuck Ross: Concur with Fred Jonas. Full of mis-statements about the process, boundaries, mis-characterizations. Your idea of a retail structure that is 2 or 3 stories, would involve many changes to our Village. It is not viable. Would not bring in revenues. Have not heard any other idea to bring in revenue stream to sustain us. Ken Small workshop in 2010, a municipal revenue expert, he identified our limitations and he endorsed the annexation idea. You need to be brave and make an investment in the future of the Park. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. We can move forward and do the best we can to make it a better place to be.

Jorge Marinoni: On annexation, I was against. When it was a bigger area being looked at, it had a difficult residential area to manage. Now that it is narrowed, with some businesses and apartment complexes, a very good fit for Biscayne Park. We don't have any commercial areas. We want to invest as the rewards are good and are forever. A lot of risk because County can go with North Miami. But if we don't invest, we will not gain anything. We are going to lose money if we don't risk it. If we win, we will win forever. If County does not change the area, then it is a win for us. If they want us to take residential, then it would be a loss and don't do it.

Dan Rodriguez: Living here 22 years. Have seen growth. Commend the leadership. We have good neighbors. Going in a good direction. On annexation, only good if we only get commercial. If we get residential it would be a crime issue. It is called heroin alley. Not something we need. Bal Harbour has toll, maybe we can create something like that. Maybe there are other ways. Look into outsourcing our trash service. Move police to that building and then take that lot and make it into a farmer's market. I agree we don't need a multi story building unless it is for government. Don't agree with annexation, not something we need. What about area between here and Miami Shores? Let's not just fix ourselves on the eastern section.

Dale Blanton: On annexation, give Commission go ahead to further investigate. Money well spent. Turning lots into businesses would change the character of the Village. Do not want to see trash pick up outsourced, or anything else. That changes the character of the Village. Disappointed in the Mayor and how his synopsis sounded. Misleading and full of inaccuracies. As a non-property owner, Mayor does not have a vested interest. Commissioner Watts is short sided for being concerned of the renters of the apartment building. They may want our police service and our response times and solving of crimes. Look at moving forward on annexation.

Barbara Kuhl: All that Dale Blanton said, I agree. Very disappointed in the Mayor's synopsis. We should definitely go ahead, we are more than halfway there. About developing the property next to the log cabin, I don't want commercial property in Biscayne Park. OK where it is. I don't want our log cabin, if we are able to get the money to improve it, to look at the back of a business. It would change the character. Annexing area where Miami Country Day, they own a huge portion of it and may wind up owning more or all of it. We could wind up providing services and not getting revenues from that area. That would be a waste.

Jared Susi - Impact fees and development fees, we missed that. Why not protect our home values by protecting the amount of developing going on. It may cost us a little bit more, but would protect us.

7 Interim Village Manager

Interim Manager Camara provided an update on the upcoming municipal election on December 3rd. Candidate packets are available at Village Hall and the qualification period ends on Monday, October 28th. Information also available on our website for both candidates and voters.

8 Village Attorney

Attorney Hearn: Had meeting today with PBA. Meeting went well. Looks to schedule a meeting in two weeks with the Commission. Has also reached out to the representative for the PAT union for Public Works to meet with him as well.

Executive Session scheduled for Thursday, October 17th at 6:30pm.

9 Consent Agenda

Minutes for August 13th and September 21st are pulled.

Commissioner Cooper pulls item 9.c and it is moved to item 12.b

Left on the consent agenda:

- 9.a > Minutes August 6, 2013 Regular Commission Meeting
- > Minutes August 12, 2013 1st Budget Workshop FY 2013-14
- 9.b Acceptance of Board Minutes

- > Parks & Parkway Advisory Board - August 21, 2013
- > Planning & Zoning Board - September 16, 2013
- > Recreation Advisory Board - September 12, 2013
- > Code Compliance Board - September 11, 2013

9.d **Resolution 2013-45**

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK RATIFYING THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID TUNNELL AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE ECOLOGY BOARD; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

9.e **Resolution 2013-47**

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, **COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIETNAM WAR**; EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2013 PARADE SPONSORED BY THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MILITARY AFFAIRS BOARD WELCOMING HOME AND REMEMBERING VIETNAM VETERANS; DIRECTING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO PROVIDE IN KIND SUPPORT BY WAY OF POLICE OFFICERS TO ASSIST AND PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Commissioner Ross makes a motion to accept the balance of the consent agenda. It is seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson.

All in favor: Mayor Jacobs, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Cooper, Commissioner Ross and Commissioner Watts.

Opposed: None

Motion carries - 5/0

Mayor hears item 12.b which was moved from consent agenda.

12.b **Resolution 2013-44**

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, **ADOPTING AN ANTI-BULLYING POLICY** THAT ESTABLISHES AN AWARENESS CAMPAIGN FOR THE PREVENTION OF BULLYING, HARASSMENT AND INTIMIDATION OF CHILDREN AT VILLAGE FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Commissioner Ross: This is an item that merits discussion. With the beginning of the school year, it helps to raise awareness. Provided background.

Commissioner Cooper: Asks to modify this resolution to include bullying in the workplace. To include "adults and employees".

Commissioner Ross: If that is your focus, it should be brought up in a separate resolution. This resolution focuses on children.

Commissioner Cooper makes a motion to include the verbiage for "children, adults and employees". It is seconded by Mayor Jacobs.

Vice Mayor Anderson: This resolution is about children as stated throughout. Would be clearer to have a separate resolution for adults.

Commissioner Cooper: Could be a time saver to include it now.

Motion is called to a vote:

All in favor: Mayor Jacobs, Commissioner Cooper and Commissioner Watts

Opposed: Vice Mayor Anderson and Commissioner Ross

Motion carries: 3/2

Commissioner Ross makes a motion to postpone approval of resolution until next month and have Commissioner Cooper bring back with further edits. It is seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson.

All in favor: Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Ross and Commissioner Watts

Opposed: Mayor Jacobs and Commissioner Cooper

Motion carries: 3/2

10 Public Hearing

10.a Variance Request: Manuel & Myrna Varela Espinoza 780 NE 119th Street

Attorney Hearn: This is a quasi judicial matter. Variance request is for a fence in the front setback. Applicant went before Planning & Zoning and it was denied.

Attorney Hearn: Applicant and anyone speaking on the item were sworn in.

Gage Hartung, Chair of Planning & Zoning: Lot is 250' deep. Based on the review of the property, the Board did not see the hardship. Did not meet the four points.

Gary Copee (Architect): Feels they have met the four points. This is a different property than most. Only one with such a deep lot. A very tiny back yard. When owner moved in, they improved the property and everyone enjoys what has been done, including the fence.

Mrs. Espinoza (Applicant): Provided pictures of how it used to be. Want to play with my dogs. Want to protect them. This is just a 4' fence. Not blocking anything. Want to enjoy my view and my front yard. Came from Cuba for my freedom. Not asking for much.

Mayor Jacobs: Understands that this is stressful. Is 4' enough to control the dogs? Are they likely to jump the fence?

Mrs. Espinoza: No, the 4' fence is to keep them from running into the street. You are limiting the use of my house. All my neighbors love me because of the improvements I have made.

Mr. Espinoza (Applicant): The neighbors have no objection. This is 150' behind the front property line. Not blocking anyone or harming anyone in the Village.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Did a lot of work on the house. But fence was put up without a permit. No one knows if this was done properly or not. On survey, one corner is 22' but other side is 32' and 75' width. Like a typical corner lot. They are able to adapt. In Biscayne Park we want to have an open look.

Commissioner Cooper: Asks the attorney for his opinion on the four points

Attorney Hearn: The law says that the attorney cannot give his opinion. When you hear all the evidence, you weight that in.

Commissioner Cooper: Confirms that the entire Commission drove by the property.

Mayor opens for public comment on the item.

Barbara Kuhl: Do not see a hardship. This commission worked on a fence ordinance and it was decided no fence in the front yard. Has been like this for 15 years. Fence extends 40' from what is in the picture that was provided in the application and there is an RV behind it. Variance denied by Planning & Zoning and a few days later, the addition to the fence was made. Many houses on Griffing have deep set back. Very upsetting that there is one construction project after another. Cannot believe that you did not know you had to pull a permit. Looks as if you felt that if you put it in, you will go ahead and pay the fines because you thought you were not going to be required to take it out. You are setting a dangerous precedence if you pass this.

Mrs. Espinoza: Invites the Commission to come to my back yard to see my view. I cannot sit in my back yard.

Mayor Jacobs: Why wasn't a permit pulled?

Mr. Copee: Make a mistake. It was an oversight.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Confirms that the contractor was licensed in Miami Dade County. If so, they know they need a permit.

Commissioner Ross: There is a 6' white fence on the side. Is this part of this? Different material? Different design?

Mr. Espinoza: It is the same material, but 6' and shared with my neighbor. Replaces a chain link fence that was there.

Commissioner Ross: Confirms that the four points are inclusive and they all must be met.

Commissioner Cooper: Suggests that dense shrubs could be used to conceal the look from the street which the owner is willing to do. Sees a special circumstance. In the past, have issued variances for corner lots. They have made a good case. Back yard is non-existent. Our code allows fence to come forward on a corner lot. Asks for same consistency here. The residents in the area enjoy it. Clearly meets three of the requirements. A relatively small area they are asking to be fenced. Sees this as less injurious than corner lots. This lot is how Arthur Griffing designed it. We made a more radical change with allowances for corner lots. Will support this variance.

Commissioner Anderson: Really believe that when somebody goes ahead without bothering to get a permit, especially when using a county contractor who knows better, and when doing so much other work on their property. On bump outs allowed on corner lots is only 15'. Here the bump out is 41'. Nobody in this Village would be allowed to have the RV in the front with a fence. This is opening up for major problems. Don't see how we can go forward with it.

Commissioner Watts: Sympathetic with desire to install. But cannot support this. Boxes are jumpers and climbers and 6' would be recommended. Bump out does not suit the park. Look at 710 NE 117th. They could not put a fence and instead put lovely landscape. Cannot support this.

Commissioner Ross: Thanks for making the improvements. There is a property on Griffing Blvd that has a football field size open lot. This does not rise to the level required. Wish I could approve, but unfortunately does not fit in. Would be unfair to others.

Commissioner Cooper: Can see that there are three votes against. Can the applicant come back after the election with a new commission and apply for a variance again?

Attorney Hearn: The exact same case was already heard here. Would have to come back with some kind of change.

Commissioner Cooper: Keep that in mind. Seems you will not get your variance tonight. Take activism here in our Village during election time to make changes.

Mr. Espinoza: For those that are against this, give me a suggestion how to fix this. Can I plant some trees or shrubs, so that I can keep my fence. Anyone going by will only see the plants. No one would be upset.

Mayor Jacobs: Has been mentioned that dense shrubbery has been used as an alternative. Not certain, but I can imagine that dense shrubbery around those fences might allow you to have that in front of the fence to allow for the imagery, and create a new set of circumstances to allow you to reapply. Thanks for coming in and for improving your home, as we encourage all to do. Unfortunate that we have a problem with loose dogs in the Village and as a resident you are making an effort to control that for the benefit of the Village. We have willing and ready residents to properly protect their family and property, including their pets, eager to do what we all ask residents to do, to improve their part of the Village. Yet, a number of commissioners who say one thing one month and a different thing another month, because it is to the benefit of whatever constituency they are working to impress. You all do what you need to do to improve your property. Encourage you to come back in three months with a new set of circumstances and we will hopefully have a new construction of the commission that will allow you to do what you can to appreciate your property and to benefit the Village.

Commissioner Cooper makes a motion to approve the variance request. It is seconded by Mayor Jacobs:

All in favor: Mayor Jacobs and Commissioner Cooper

Opposed: Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Ross and Commissioner Watts

Motion fails: 2/3

11 Ordinances

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12 Resolutions

12.a Resolution 2013-46

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM VILLAGE MANAGER TO **ENGAGE MUNICIPAL PLANNERS TO COLLECT DATA, PREPARE NECESSARY REPORTS AND A FORMAL APPLICATION FOR SUBMISSION TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO ANNEX INTO THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK AN AREA REFERRED TO AS "BISCAYNE CORRIDOR ANNEXATION AREA,"** BORDERED ON THE WEST-SIDE BY THE FEC RAILWAY, ON NORTH-SIDE BY NORTHEAST 121 STREET, ON THE EAST-SIDE BY BISCAYNE BOULEVARD, ON THE SOUTH-SIDE BY NORTHEAST 119 STREET, EXCEPT THAT BETWEEN NORTHEAST 16 AVENUE AND BISCAYNE BOULEVARD THE SOUTH BORDER SHALL EXTEND TO THE POINT WHERE NORTHEAST 16 AVENUE AND BISCAYNE BOULEVARD INTERSECT AT 116 STREET; AND TO IMPLEMENT A PLAN FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT OF PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE BISCAYNE CORRIDOR ANNEXATION AREA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Commissioner Ross: Have had a lot of discussion at workshop and more questions will be answered through the process. Have reviewed our budget and financing in detail. We just transferred \$67,000 to fund a negative balance. We are at 9.70 and the cap is 10. The assessed value in the Village bring for each mil approximately \$132,000. That same one mil in the area we are considering would bring additional \$64,000. A combined mil revenue of \$198,000. Other incorporated areas adjacent to the Village are substantially less dynamic and have less to offer the Village. This area brings us closer to US1, includes retail areas frequented by our residents, two gated communities and one which advertises itself as being in Biscayne Park. Taking this next step is an investment in the Village and the neighboring community. The materials provided remind us that our Comp Plan includes a discussion of annexation. When we did the EAR process several years ago, when a different commission was sitting here, and based on resident input and recommendation of professionals, annexation was incorporated into our Comp Plan. Priority was put on the very same area we are discussing today. The process they took included multiple public hearings and participation spanning from January 2007 through October 2010. This is not an idea that was just hatched last month or last year. Has long since been developed, in order to keep the Village sustainable.

Annexation becomes the topic today due to inside and outside pressures we are experiencing. Loss of significant revenues over last years, or about 30% of our ad valorem taxes. Economic forecast provided by Ken Small calculates that statewide trends predict it will take another four years before they reach what it was in 2009. With the Village 100% residential, and mostly homesteaded, that catch up for us will take even longer. The County recently lifted the moratorium on annexation, and allowed cities to expand their boundaries or for areas to incorporate themselves. An additional burden we have are the unfunded mandates such as the change in the senior exemption. Added to that is another city looking at expanding their boundaries. If we allow these processes to overtake us, we will be overwhelmed. I want to do everything I can to make us a sustainable city. Perils of monoculture has been talked about in regards to our trees and that we need to diversify. We need to continue diversification in all areas. I swore to defend this city. Our responsibility to move forward for a plan of annexation. Still many questions, but they will be answered through the process.

They way to continue and have full transparency is to engage in the process and get all questions answered.

Commissioner Ross makes a motion to approve Resolution 2013-46 authorizing the Manager to engage our Planners to proceed in the process. It is seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson.

Mayor Jacobs: Already a great deal of discussion. Suggest each commissioner get five minutes.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Confirms that North Miami has put in an application for the same area, plus additional surrounding area, and they are also cherry picking.

Commissioner Watts: Have spoken with our County Commissioner and we can select specific areas that are just commercial. Would throw money away if we included apartment buildings. Cannot see what we would offer them. Just throwing money down the tube. Want to see the statistics if just the commercial area. On going bankrupt, our reserves have gone down due to unusual expenses such as the workers compensation claim. Can see the trend going in a positive direction.

Mayor Jacobs: Concerned with the additional costs the Village has to spend as part of the process. Encourages to utilize all resources available to get information.

Commissioner Ross: Willing to put in a cap on the costs in the resolution.

Mayor Jacobs: Suggests to put in a cap of \$10,000.

Commissioner Ross amends her motion to add at section 3: The total cost for the process not to exceed \$10,000 which has already been earmarked in our budget. Vice Mayor Anderson accepts the amendment.

The amendment is voted on:

All in favor: Mayor Jacobs, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Ross and Commissioner Watts.

Opposed: Commissioner Cooper

Amendment passes 4/1

The original motion, as amended, is called to a vote:

All in favor: Vice Mayor Anderson and Commissioner Ross

Opposed: Mayor Jacobs, Commissioner Cooper and Commissioner Watts

Motion fails: 2/3

Mayor Jacobs called a recess at 9:46pm

Meeting resumed at 9:58pm

Commissioner Watts: Voted against it because it included the apartment buildings. Voters would vote against it. If we are to alter to exclude the apartment buildings, would consider it.

Commissioner Ross: Suggest to allow the planners to do their job with their recommendation and to complete the data to be submitted.

Mayor Jacobs: Can bring up another motion or another resolution at the next meeting.

13 Old Business

13.a Village Manager Selection

Mayor Jacobs: Suggests that the Commission reach out to each candidate and interview. Then come back at November 6th meeting with top three candidates. Then schedule a special commission meeting in November for the panel interview.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Suggests to narrow down selection tonight.

Commissioner Ross: Agrees that a narrower field would speed up the process.

Commission consensus:

- > On October 17th, have a special commission meeting to select top three candidates and rank each.

- > Panel interview of the top three will take place at the November 6th Regular Commission meeting.

- > On November 14th, have a special commission meeting to make the final selection.

13.b Mural Art Project

Commissioner Watts: There is a difference of opinion between the art professionals and the residents, but this is normal for art. Choose an image tonight and continue to fundraise or ask selected artist to do it for a reduced price. It is important for the Village to support the arts. It is patriotic to support the arts.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Did any of the commissioners donate?

Commissioner Watts: Plans on doing so.

Commissioner Ross: This process that should have been positive and engaging has been torturous. A perfect opportunity to do it for our 80th anniversary celebration. Am supportive. My choice is the submission from Daniel Cam. It had the most online votes.

Mayor Jacobs: Suggests submission from Chris Bermudez.

Commissioner Watts: Important to consider the art professionals.

Mayor Jacobs: Should move forward with the one that has the most votes.

Commissioner Ross makes a motion to select submission from Daniel Cam. It is seconded by Mayor Jacobs.

All in favor: Mayor Jacobs and Commissioner Ross

Opposed: Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Cooper and Commissioner Watts

Motion fails: 2/3

Commissioner Ross makes a motion to select submission from Soluna Fine Art. It is seconded by Mayor Jacobs.

All in favor: Mayor Jacobs and Commissioner Ross

Opposed: Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Cooper and Commissioner Watts

Motion fails: 2/3

Mayor Jacobs makes a motion to select submission from Chris Bermudez. It is seconded by Commissioner Cooper.

All in favor: Mayor Jacobs and Commissioner Cooper

Opposed: Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Ross and Commissioner Watts
Motion fails: 2/3

Commissioner Watts makes a motion to select submission from Adonnis Park.
Motion fails for lack of second.

Commissioner Cooper makes a motion to select submission from Cecilia Lueza. It is
seconded by Commissioner Ross.

All in favor: Mayor Jacobs, Commissioner Cooper and Commissioner Ross

Opposed: Vice Mayor Anderson and Commissioner Watts

Motion carries: 3/2

Direction given to staff to reach out to the artist to get a reduced price.

14 New Business

< None >

15 Final Public Comment

Fred Jonas: Cannot get rid of the image of how much flack Rox Ross took when she tried to put a five minute time limit on commissioners speaking, especially from Commissioner Cooper. And tonight Noah introduced the idea of limiting discussion to five minutes, and Bryan thought three minutes was enough. Noah you are rude and tyrannical and infantile. It was just awful.

Janey Anderson: One thing was worst tonight - two elected officials encourage a resident to break the law. They have an unpermitted fence. The fact that they fixed up their property is irrelevant. There was another couple here that are doing the same with their home but they didn't put a metal roof on until they get a permit. Bryan's fixation on an employee, rather a contract employee, who just got up and left is unbelievable. On annexation, Mayor you asked for a concession and got it, and then voted against it. If you don't want annexation, then come back with an alternate viable solution. If you want to go with Miami Shores, then go and do the research and come back with something. On the idea of developing the empty lot, what about the single family homes around it that would be dwarfed by a three story building. What about the traffic it would create. Offer us a solid alternative.

Chuck Ross: Agree with Fred Jonas on Noah's behavior. It is an embarrassment. You don't treat anyone consistently. You should move forward on the bullying resolution, but for the commission. Don't know why you asked for a concession and then voted against it, and never explained why. You said on your campaign material you would explain your votes. You voted against having our planners to further research to see if it was viable. We need the money. You have not come up with an alternative. The Village needs revenue. Property values are limited to 3% increase per year. We are down 30%. The numbers don't lie. Our fund balance has reduced \$500,000 since 2008, revenues have shrunk. How are we going to build our reserves without alternate revenue sources. Ken Small and Sally Heyman both say it is win win. You need to explain why you voted against it. Don't understand why there are personal opinions, when you need to represent the entire Village. Have heard from people and read emails that there is support. You need to support your revenues, not yourself and your personal agenda.

Barbara Kuhl: Agrees with Fred, Janey and Chuck. The mural - have been against and it keeps getting worse. You are going back to the artist without funding and asking them to negotiate. That is insulting. On the variance, it is pathetic when two elected officials tell the resident to go against our code. You are supposed to support our code that are in the books. If you feel residents should have a fence in the front, then pass an ordinance to change it. Don't dismiss opinions of residents that tell you they have violated the code. Not just asking to install a fence, but someone who put in the fence illegally, and ask you to let them keep it. And you two would be accepting of that is pathetic.

16 Reports

Commissioner Watts: Have a good night.

Commissioner Ross: Go home and consider annexation issue. And if you still do not agree, come up with other solutions.

Commissioner Cooper: Look at all options for a different financial future, including going with Miami Shores. On the \$500,000 that was once in the budget, we did nothing with it. Think of what we could have done. We have opportunity to have better management of our finances. Have to do better at budgeting.

Vice Mayor Anderson makes a motion to have Commissioner Cooper talk to the elected officials in Miami Shores. It is seconded by Commissioner Ross.

Mayor Jacobs: Not accepting motions at this time.

16 Announcements

Wednesday, October 2nd - Code Review Board at 7:00pm

Thursday, October 3rd - Recreation Advisory Board at 7:00pm

Tuesday, October 8th - Code Compliance Board at 7:00pm

Thursday, October 10th - Planning & Zoning Board at 6:30pm

Monday, October 14th - All Village Departments are closed for Columbus Day

Wednesday, October 16th - Parks & Parkway Advisory Board at 6:00pm

Monday, October 21st - Planning & Zoning Board at 6:30pm

Monday, October 21st - Ecology Board at 6:30pm

Saturday, October 26th - Halloween Fun House from 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Saturday, October 26th - Children's Safety Day from 3:00pm to 5:00pm

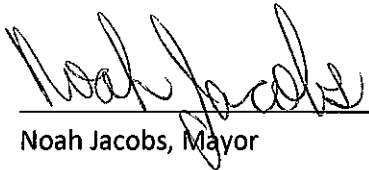
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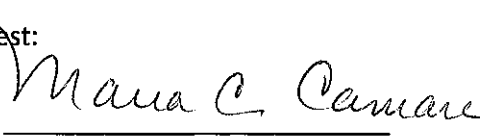
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02pm.

Commission approved on November 6, 2013.



Noah Jacobs, Mayor

Attest:


Maria Camara, Village Clerk